

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the parables about the kingdom of heaven, Jesus explains, "*He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.*" It is after sowing the good seed that, "*while everyone was asleep, his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat and then went off.*" At stake here is the kingdom of heaven, the ultimate goal of every human heart. The gravity of an offense is not only dependent upon the transgression itself, but also dependent upon whom or what the offense is waged. Therefore, to stick your tongue out at a family member who made you made is very different from sticking your tongue out to, say, the Holy Father. Consequently, to sow weeds in the kingdom of heaven should be recognized as a capital offense to all human being.

Because of the gravity of what is at stake, it important for us to be vigilant. Saints Augustine and Jerome both commented the passage saying that the evil one was only able to sow weeds because "*everyone was asleep.*" This means the carelessness and negligence on the part of bishops and pastors of the Church and heretics and impious men took the occasion to sow heresies and wickedness. St. Augustine ends his comments, "*to sleep more than to watch is the life of dormice rather than of men.*" Anyone who has the responsibility of watching over others' souls to ensure the kingdom of heaven is reached ought to heed these words.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

Coffee Hour News

Coffee Hour on July 20th and 27th will be hosted by WISH (Women in Sacred Heart).

Religious Vocations

Single women age 18 and older are invited to a Vocation Discernment Live-In Weekend hosted by the Sisters of Providence, August 22nd, 7:00 p.m. through August 24th, 2:00 p.m. at Mt. St. Joseph, 9 East Ninth Ave., Spokane, WA. There is no charge for the weekend, which includes free meals and lodging. For information and registration, contact Sr. Judy George at 509-474-2323. or Sr. Clare Lentz, 206-923-4028, or e-mail vocations@providence.org

Just Faith

When was the last time you had an experience that was "soul satisfying"? If you are looking to encounter your faith in a way that challenges you and how you are to live as a Christian in today's world, then JustFaith may be the program for you. For thirty weeks you will journey with other seekers using books, videos, conversation, and encounters with those who live at the margins of society. The program begins the week of September 14-18. For more information, call Caroline Correa at 647-1232.

The Stewardship of St. St. Paul

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

St. Paul 2 Cor 9:7

God does not need our gifts, yet waits for us to give. Giving is an act of trust. Paul understands our human weakness and knows that we sometimes stray from our dependence on God for all things. To give cheerfully is to trust God to give increase to our gifts and to take care of all our needs.

St. Paul is telling us to trust in God.



Pro-life Prayer Vigil

Come and pray with us once a month on the 3rd Sunday for one hour from 2-3 p.m. at Whatcom County's abortion clinic: Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood (1530 Ellis St.). Our monthly vigil will be Today, July 20th, rain or shine. Let us pray for an end to all abortions and healing for all women suffering from Post-Abortion Syndrome. For more information call Kathy St. Hilaire at 671-4836.

"Conversations with Fr. Bob"

Tune in Tuesday, July 22nd to "*Conversations with Father Bob*". This week, Fr. Bob Camuso will interview **Helen Osterle**, the Director of Religious Education at St. James Cathedral, about the Cathedral marriage preparation process. Fr. Bob will also interview **Dennis DePape** and **Josie Gardener** about how the Called and Gifted Workshop is used for leadership discernment at St. Brendan Church in Bothell.

"*Conversations with Father Bob*" is broadcast on Sacred Heart Radio KBLE AM 1050 every Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Thursday 9:00-10:00 p.m. It also airs every Saturday morning, 8:00-9:00 a.m. on KKNW AM 1150. "*Conversations with Fr. Bob*" is a listener-supported program hosted by Fr. Bob Camuso, pastor at St. Luke Catholic Church, Shoreline, WA. Subscribe to our free podcast and listen to all of our past programs on the internet at www.conversationswithfatherbob.com

Parish Nurse News

The Parish Nurse Office will not be having any office hours during the summer. We will resume office hours in September.

July 19 & July 20

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, Rom 8:26-27, Gospel: (Matt 13:24-43)
July 20 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (WISH) Shaughnessy Hall
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 1:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass Church
 2:00 p.m. Vietnamese Potluck Shaughnessy Hall
AGAPE Group in Hall, Kitchen St. Augustine/ St. Monica, & St. Nicholas Rooms from 5:00 p.m. July 20 to 1:00 p.m. July 25.

Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor, Gospel: (Matt 12:38-42)
July 21
Mon.

Mary Magdalene, Gospel: (John 20:1-2, 11-18)
July 22 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tues. 5:15 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 6:00 p.m. **Mass (Lucie Campbell)** Church
 For Mother's Day

Bridget of Sweden, religious, Gospel: (Matt 13:1-9)
July 23 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Wed. 12:10 p.m. **Mass (Mary Martha Koessner) (+)** Church

Sharbel Makhluf, priest, Gospel: (Matt 13:10-17)
July 24 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Thurs. 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church

JAMES, APOSTLE
Gospel: (Matt 20:20-28)

July 25 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Fri. 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, Rom 8:28-30, Gospel: (Matt 13:44-52)
July 26 1:00 p.m. Lane /Ziegler Wedding Church
Sat. 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, Rom 8:28-30, Gospel: (Matt 13:44-52)
July 27 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (WISH) Shaughnessy Hall
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church

Key to Meeting Rooms at Parish Center:
St. Augustine/St. Monica Rooms—Library
St. Nicholas Room—Youth Room/Nursery

Assumption School News

SCRIP sales between the Masses on August 3. Also August 12-13 at the Uniform Sale.

Summer Office Hours: 8:00-3:00 (open during the lunch hour). The office will be closed July 1-July 30.

Attention Alumni: Plans are in the works for an all-school reunion the weekend of August 16-17, 2008. Please provide names, addresses, phone numbers and graduation years of Assumption Catholic School alumni to Jennifer Rick at jrick@school.Assumption.org. Are you interested in serving on the planning committee? Contact Jennifer.

Registration for 2008-2009: Call Assumption Catholic School (733-6133) for a tour and a meeting with the principal.

Religious Education News

Cast

Ginnie Parine (647-5703) and Lee Langdon (738-4010) have stepped up to serve as coordinators for Sacred Heart CAST Program! Thank you Ginnie and Lee! Sacred Heart participates during Western Newman Center's Breaks. If you or your family are interested in making sandwiches and/or serving them to Bellingham's needy, please contact Ginnie or Lee.

Signups for summer are located on the clipboard in the back of the Church.

Sign-Up for RE Classes

It's not too soon to start thinking about RE Classes for Next Year...

Sign-ups will be August 24th and 31st.

Volunteer Appreciation

By now you should have received a postcard like the one below. If you are a volunteer for one of the many ministries at Sacred Heart, we want to be sure and express our thanks to you personally at the Mass and reception on Friday, September 19th beginning at 7:00 p.m. If for some reason, you have not received a card, please give us a call at the parish office and leave your name with Martha.

Meanwhile, by all means, please **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Sacred Heart Volunteer Appreciation

Save the Date!!!

Friday, Sept. 19th, 7:00 p.m. Mass

*Followed by
Reception
In the Hall*



*Hosted by
Fr. Qui-Thac & Parish Staff*

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Gift Corner Giving to Others! July 12 & July 13, 2008

Envelopes (155)	\$	6,733.25
Visitors	\$	1,036.04
Children (0)	\$	0:00
Total Sunday Income	\$	7,769.29

St. Vincent de Paul	\$	334.65
Building & Grounds	\$	25.00
Assumption School	\$	20.00

Thank You for all the gifts of Time, Treasure and Talent you give to Sacred Heart!